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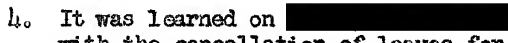

1. On  it was learned from personnel of the Grenzpolizei unit in Markersbach (N 51/F 46) that the former German Armed Forces NCO school in Struppen (N 51/F 47) would be cleared of civilians to furnish accommodations for a Grenzpolizeikommandantur to be established there on  (1)

2. On  it was learned that the Grenzpolizei personnel in the Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) area was being reinforced. The Frankfurt/Oder Grenzpolizeikommandantur was located in the former building of the Regierungspraesidium (administrative district headquarters) at 1 Koenigsbergerplatz. It was staffed by Oberpolizeirat Weiske (fnu), 28 years of age and a registered SED member, and three Polizeiräte. Weiske was recently appointed chief of the Kommandantur and thus became the superior of Polizeirat Bahrow (fnu), 40 years of age and a member of the SED, who had previously headed the Grenzpolizei in that area. Bahrow was appointed chief of a Grenzpolizeikommando. The Grenzpolizei bases in the Frankfurt/Oder area, besides the Kommandantur in the city itself, were located in Finkenheerd (O 53/V 62), Ziltendorf (O 53/V 72) and Fuerstenberg (O 53/V 71). (2)

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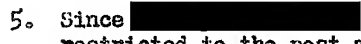
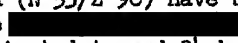
3. On  it was learned that young girls in the Frankfurt/Oder area were recruited for the Volkspolizei. They were to replace male VP personnel to be employed in special assignments.

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4. It was learned on  in Miesky (O 52/A 92) that, coinciding with the cancellation of leaves for all civil employees of the German Democratic Republic (DDR) the Grenzpolizeiabschnitt Suedost has been placed under category I alert, effective  (3) VP per- 25X1A  
sonnel in the Gersfeld (L 51/H 50) area has also been placed under category I alert.

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5. Since  all VP personnel in Bernau (N 53/Z 96) have been restricted to the post and have been alerted since  (4) 25X1A  
They were subject to a routine of 24 hours of precinct duty and 24 hours

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at home but ready for duty in response to an alarm. According to an unofficial announcement, the state of alert was to last until 18 October 1950. VP personnel believed that the alert was in connection with the October 1950 elections.

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6. On [REDACTED] it was learned that the Grenzpolizei Kommando in Gerstungen had been reinforced by 20 police, the Kommando in Lauchroeda by 20 police and the Kommando in Abteroda (L 52/H 59) by 9 police. The reinforcement had been ordered to prevent any attempts on the part of West Germany to influence the October elections in the DDR.

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7. After [REDACTED] VP personnel conducted major raids in all localities along the zonal border. This was also an effort to prevent any propaganda from West Germany. Thirty-six police who raided Grossensee at 4 a.m. on [REDACTED] arrested 28 persons and delivered them to the Gerstungen Kommandantur. The police also increased its control activity along the Obersuhl-Herleshausen autobahn since [REDACTED] Six VP checkpoints were set up and manned by personnel of the Kommandanturen in Lauchroeden and Gerstungen. Increased patrol activity has also been observed along the zonal border since [REDACTED]

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8. The Grenzpolizei Kommandos in the Berka (L 51/H 66) area consisted of two to four 9-man Gruppen, the Kommando in Gerstungen having three Gruppen, that in Untersuhl two, the one in Berka four, that in Abteroda four and that in Lauchroeden four. (5)

9. The Landratsamt (building of the Kreis administration) on Mittelstrasse, Nauen (N 53/Z 45), was vacated in [REDACTED]. The building was later occupied by 150 to 200 police who were said to have been recruits going through a training course for assignment to the Grenzpolizei in Nauen. Three groups of 30 to 35 police each were observed almost daily marching out for field training. The police recruits carried model 98-K carbines while the training personnel were equipped with pistols, compasses and maps. One platoon was recently seen on bicycles and with dogs. (6)

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10. In early [REDACTED] it was learned that the two VP Kommandanturen in Gerstungen and Lauchroeden had each been reinforced by 20 police. The new personnel were detached from the Grenzpolizeibereitschaft in Sondershausen.

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11. On [REDACTED] the leaves of all VP personnel were cancelled. It was said that the ban on leaves would last until [REDACTED]. Lower-echelon personnel were told that the presence of everyone was required to thwart any West German propaganda efforts aimed at influencing the October 1950 elections in the DDR. Police officers were barred from taking leave for an unspecified period. All VP personnel on furlough at that time were recalled.

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12. On [REDACTED] the officers in charge of the Kommandos controlled by the Grenzpolizeibereitschaft in Dormbach (L 51/H 63) were summoned to the Bereitschaft headquarters to report on the situation along the zonal border and to be briefed on measures to be taken against West German propagandists attempting to come to the DDR prior to the October 1950 elections.

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13. On [REDACTED] a VP colonel, a major and two senior lieutenants, riding in [REDACTED] and a Soviet colonel and two captains, riding [REDACTED] arrived at the VP Grenzkommandantur in Gerstungen. All officers left about 11 a.m. and went to the Soviet Kommandatur where they stayed until 12:30 p.m.

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Comments.

- (1) The units mentioned probably belong to the Grenzbereitschaft of Land Saxony in Pirna.
- (2) A Grenzbereitschaft of Land Brandenburg is known to be located in Frankfurt/Oder. See [REDACTED] Kommandanturen of this Grenzbereitschaft are believed to be located in Finkenheerd, Ziltendorf and Fuerstenberg. 25X1A
- (3) The VP unit in Niesky probably belongs to the Grenzbereitschaft of Land Saxony in Bautzen.
- (4) The Grenzpolizei personnel in Bernau probably belong to the Ring um Berlin Grenzbereitschaft in Blumberg.
- (5) All localities mentioned belong to the area controlled by the Grenzbereitschaft of Land Thuringia in Dermbach. See [REDACTED] 25X1A
- (6) The Grenzpolizei personnel in Nauen probably belong to the Ring um Berlin Grenzbereitschaft in Falkensee.

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